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| 8       | UNITED STATES   | DISTRICT COURT                                    |
| 9       | NORTHERN DISTRI   | ICT OF CALIFORNIA                                 |
| 0       | SAN FRANCIS   | SCO DIVISION                                      |
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| 2       | A1 ON TRACK SLIDING DOOR  | Case No. 3:21-CV-03013-SI                         |
| 3       | REPAIR AND INSTALLATION, INC, SYLVIA SCHICK, and DEBORAH SCHICK, individually and on behalf of all others similarly | BLAIR DECLARATION IN                              |
| 4       | and on behalf of all others similarly   | SUPPORT OF BRANDREP,<br>LLC'S MOTION TO SET ASIDE |
| 5       | situated,   | DEFAULT (FRCP 55(c))                              |
| 6       | Plaintiffs,   | Date: August 27, 2021                             |
| 7       |   | Time: 10:00 a.m. Courtroom: 1                     |
| 8       | VS.   | Judge: Hon. Susan Illston                         |
| 9       | BRANDREP, LLC, a Delaware   | First Amended Complaint Filed on April 29, 2021   |
| $_{20}$ | limited liability company,  |   |
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| 22      | Defendant.  |   |
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| 24      | BLAIR DECLARATION IN SUPPOI   | RT OF BRANDREP, LLC'S MOTION                      |
| 25      | TO SET ASIDE DE   | FAULT (FRCP 55(c))                                |
| 26      | 1. I am an attorney in the State of California and an associate of Legal  |   |
| 27      | Solutions 2 U, APC, the law firm representing defendant Brandrep, LLC   |   |
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2. I recently joined the firm and started working on this case.

- 3. I attended the August 13, 2021 meet and confer with attorney Smith. However, attorney Smith was unwilling to move forward with the meet and confer and preparation of a joint case management statement. Despite the default, I was prepared to move forward. I did not want to slow down this case. I was operating under the possibility that the court would grant defendant's motion to vacate.
- 4. I asked attorney Smith if he would be willing to remove the default. He refused. He said that he would now be seeking class certification.
- 5. Attorney Smith challenged me to find a rule that required a meet and confer for a motion to dismiss, for which I could not. I did however read him CAND Guidelines for Professional Conduct 15. Default: "A lawyer should not seek an opposing party's default to obtain a judgment or substantive order without giving that opposing party sufficient advance written warning to allow the opposing party to cure the default."
- 6. I also read attorney Smith CAND Guidelines for Professional Conduct 10. Motion Practice example a. "Before filing a motion, a lawyer should engage in a good faith effort to resolve the issue." These ethical rules were unable to change attorney Smith's mind regarding the default.

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| 1  | I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California |  |
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| 2  | and the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.     |  |
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| 5  | Dated: August 16, 2021   | LEGAL SOLUTIONS 2 U A Professional Corporation     |
| 6  |  | A Professional Corporation                         |
| 7  |  | /s/ Patrick L. Blair                               |
| 8  |  | Patrick L. Blair                                   |
| 9  |  | Declarant and Attorney for Defendant Brandrep, LLC |
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